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SUBJECT: MANILA PRESS ON ROMULO MEETING WITH SECRETARY

1. MANILA MORNING PAPERS CARRY FRONT PAGE STORIES ON
UPCOMING MEETING IN NEW YORK BETWEEN SECRETARY AND
FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO. DAILY EXPRESS CARRIES HEADLINE
"RP PRESSES BASE ISSUE." BULLETIN TODAY LEADS WITH
"CPR TO US FOR NEW TALKS ON BASES, ETC." TIMES JOURNAL
CARRIES "RP-US TALKS SCHEDULED MAY 25."

2. NEITHER THE DAILY EXPRESS NOR THE BULLETIN TODAY
PROVIDE MUCH FOUNDATION FOR THEIR HEADLINES. ALL THREE
MORNING DAILIES HIGHLIGHT MARCOS STATEMENT (AIRPORT
INTERVIEW BEFORE ARRIVAL OF KING OF NEPAL) THAT HE IS
SENDING ROMULO TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY "ON VARIOUS
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ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES".
ROMULO IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID ONLY THAT HE WILL TAKE
UP "A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AFFECTING RP-US RELATIONS."
THE DAILY EXPRESS GOES ON TO NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS
UNDERSTOOD THAT ROMULO WILL DISCUSS THE PENDING NEGOTIA-
TIONS ON THE MILITARY BASES AND TRADE AGREEMENTS.
THE DAILY EXPRESS FURTHER NOTES THAT ROMULO EXPECTS TO

FOLLOW UP ON THE AGREEMENT REACHED DURING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S RECENT VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE MAY 4 JOINT STATEMENT IS CITED. THE BULLETIN TODAY INTERPRETS ROMULO'S TRIP AS A FOLLOW UP TO A "THAW" IN RELATIONS WHICH BEGAN WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

3. ALL THREE DAILIES REPORT THAT MARCOS SAID THAT ROMULO IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH OTHER AMERICAN DECISION-MAKERS SUCH AS MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND THE CONGRESS. TOUSSAINT

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